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For: ROTATIONAL FILING SYSTEM FOR COMPACT DISKS.

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CITATION OF PRIOR ART

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the undersigned attorney for the applicant advises the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office of the references known to applicant as set forth in form PTO/SB/08A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

None of the prior art cited herein suggests or discloses a rotational filing system or rotational tabs for storing and retrieving a compact disk or a carrier associated with a compact disk that has an area that coincides with the circular center hole of a compact disk as claimed herein. The prior art is described as follows:

Design Patent No. 391,297 discloses an ornamental design for compact disk, indexing tab which is shown. As can be seen, the system comprises a tab which attaches to a compact disk case.

There is no suggestion or disclosure for including a compact disk carrier as claimed herein including a rotational indexing tab.

Design Patent No. 285,212 similarly shows a tab for laser disk cassettes. As can be seen, the disk cassette appears to attach directly to a CD. Again, there is no suggestion or disclosure for including a compact disk carrier as claimed herein including a rotational indexing tab.

Design Patent No. 369,267 similarly shows a computer disk separating tab. This invention is square in design and is not rotational.

U.S. Patent No. 4,507,883 shows a three part diskette labeling system where two parts are pressure-sensitive conventional labels with identical indicia on each part with part one appearing on the non-removable protective carrier of a floppy disc or diskette and the second label part appearing on the storage envelope for the diskette in order to link the diskette to its corresponding envelope which becomes the third part of the labeling system and contains the more lengthy labeling descriptions relating to the data recorded on the diskette. The arrangement of the first two parts of the label is such that when the carrier for the diskette is slid into its storage envelope, the first two parts of the label come into a juxtaposed relationship in registry with each other in order to enable the indicia thereon to be readily observed and compared. This will enable a user to quickly and easily determine that the carrier and diskette therein have been inserted into the correct corresponding storage envelope so that the third part of the system, the indicia on the envelope, properly corresponds to what is recorded on the diskette. The indicia on the first two parts of the labeling system may be widely spaced horizontally arranged numerals, alphabetic letters, different colors, or combinations of indicia or distinguishing characteristics provided on the first two parts of the label which enable easy comparison of the two parts of the label and form a visual link between diskette and storage envelope.

Clearly this does not suggest or disclose the rotational filing system claimed herein.